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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mr. Charles L. A. Terreni
Chief Clerk/Administrator
South Carolina Public Service Commission
Synergy Business Park, The Saluda Building
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

**Re: Generic Proceeding to Investigate Emergency Services Continuity Plans
Docket No. 2005-100-C**

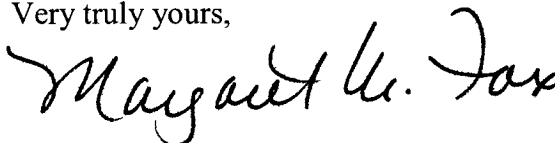
Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of the South Carolina Telephone Coalition, please find the original and ten (10) copies of a Petition to Intervene in the above-referenced matter. By copy of this letter and Certificate of Service, all parties of record are being served with a copy of this Petition by U. S. Mail.

Please clock in a copy and return it with our courier.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,



Margaret M. Fox

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Enclosures

cc: Parties of Record

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

Docket No. 2005-100-C

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**PETITION
TO INTERVENE**

The South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC") respectfully submits the within Petition to Intervene in the above-referenced docket. In support of its Petition, SCTC would respectfully show unto this honorable Commission:

1. SCTC is a coalition of incumbent local exchange telephone companies organized and doing business under the laws of the State of South Carolina. SCTC's members are telephone companies or telephone cooperatives subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission. A list of companies on whose behalf the SCTC is intervening in this matter is attached hereto as "Exhibit A."

2. This generic proceeding was established pursuant to Commission Order No. 2003-218 to investigate the general concept of emergency services continuity plans and their various ramifications.

3. SCTC seeks to intervene in this proceeding with full rights to participate as a party of record in so far as its interests might appear.

4. SCTC has not yet fully developed a position with respect to this proceeding. However, as local exchange carriers who serve as carriers of last resort in their respective service areas, SCTC member companies have a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding and will be

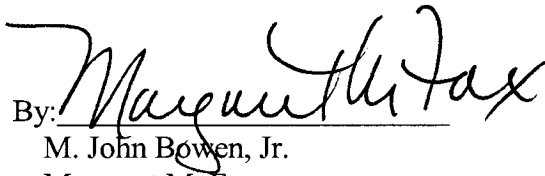
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directly affected by its outcome. Furthermore, SCTC member companies are in a position to assist the Commission with this generic investigation by providing relevant information to the Commission with respect to the issues that will be investigated and addressed in this docket.

5. Correspondence and communications to SCTC with respect to this proceeding should be directed to the undersigned counsel.

WHEREFORE, the South Carolina Telephone Coalition respectfully requests that this honorable Commission permit its intervention in this proceeding as its interests might appear.

Respectfully submitted,

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South Carolina Telephone Coalition Member Companies

Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc.
Chesnee Telephone Company
Chester Telephone Company
Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Ft. Mill Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium Communications, Inc.
Hargray Telephone Company, Inc.
Home Telephone Company, Inc.
Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Lancaster Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium Communications, Inc.
Lockhart Telephone Company
McClellanville Telephone Company
Norway Telephone Company
Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
PBT Telecom, Inc.
Ridgeway Telephone Company
Rock Hill Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium Communications, Inc.
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